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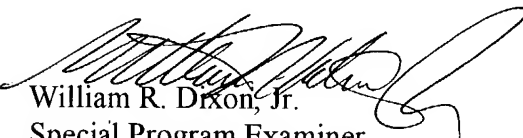
In re Application of :  
John A. Giordano et al :  
Serial No.: 10/790,027 : PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL  
Filed: March 2, 2004 :  
Attorney Docket No.: 48508-00014 :

This is in response to applicants' petition filed March 22, 2004, to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(d) based on infringement.

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, II, relating to actual or potential infringement. Therefor the petition is **GRANTED**.

**The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.**

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